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OUR HIGHWAYS: PERSHING HALLS

Imagine for a moment, if you can, what it would be like if some sort of regulations was not in effect on our highways today. As you start out with your family on a little trip a vehicle comes roaring down the left side of the road, turning to the right just in time to avoid a head-on collision, but taking a fender with him. While driving past a residential district your father has to slam on the brakes, since a car has sped into the street, in front of him, from a driveway. Pretty soon you're stopped on a four lane expressway because of a congregation of drivers bunched across the way having a nice little conversation, or are forced to follow a driver who is doing 20 on a straight stretch where it seems stupid to do under 50 miles per hour.

Seems ridiculous, doesn't it? But have you ever considered the fact that the same thing holds true in the halls of Pershing; in other words, that you must have some form of regulations for order here, too? How many times have you tried desperately to squeeze around a vast group of chattering students, or been caught behind a wall of similar students barely moving while carrying on such a conversation? How many times has a student leaping like a bolt of lightning from a class nearly spilled you? And even more important, how many times have you been responsible for one of these hall hazards?

Luckily, the Hall Patrols keep such things to a minimum, but their job would be a lot easier if everyone would co-operate. It really doesn't make sense at all to hear someone criticizing the Hall Patrols when he is told to keep to the right.

Now that the problem has been presented, what about the cure? Here is a list of things which will help:

1. The Hall Patrol can't possibly keep tabs on everyone in the halls, so if you get the urge to talk, at least keep walking at a normal clip and limit the conversation to two persons.
2. Look before you leap (from a classroom).
3. To prevent confusion, look over the one-way charts given to homeroom teachers, noting especially the door from the main hall to the temporary building area which is one-way out.
4. Try to co-operate with the Hall Patrol in any way possible, and respect those who are in authority.

If everyone will do his best, Pershing will soon have the safest and most orderly halls in the Houston Independent School District.

Miss Simplicity Honor Guest At Style Show Here

Miss Dolores Harding, Miss Simplicity, of Simplicity Patterns Company, was guest of honor at the fashion show presented by Mrs. Lord's clothing classes Wednesday, November 17, 1954.

Mrs. Lord began the show by introducing Miss Harding.

The models in the show were girls from our own homemaking department. Some of the things shown by them were: coats, suits, separates, formals, Bermuda shorts, princess jumpers, man tailored blouses, toriador pants, a little boy dress, the winter version of a squaw dress, and accessories.

At the end of the show there was a big parade of all the clothes shown. Afterward there was a question and answer period and the audience's favorite clothes were shown again.

The show was sponsored for the benefit of the eighth and ninth grade girls.

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Architect Working

Bob Gartner, a pupil in Mrs. Long's low nine homeroom, has been practicing to become an architect.

Scale drawings of the Pershing buildings and grounds were needed. Bob made a tracing from a blueprint and produced the copies needed.

Bob is stockily built. He makes average grades, is thirteen years old, and is a lot of fun. He has high hopes of becoming an engineer.

Pershing Jr. High Named After The General To The Surprise Of Some Pupils

What do you know about or have you ever thought of the man for whom our school is named? It is hard to believe, but some students in Pershing do not know that it was THE General John J. Pershing of World War I fame whose name graces our school.

It is one of the little things that we see every day and never give any attention toward it. His name is on the front of the building in large letters, on the plaque inset in one of the columns of the covered walk in front of the building and his picture is in the office over the door to Mrs. Baker's office.

One student, when asked, did not know the name of the school, other than just Pershing Junior High School. Especially for the "sleep

was shrill and threatening and seemed to come from the living room.

Again the cruel voice called out, "get out of town or you'll be sorry." She was really scared now; so she dialed the police for help just as she had promised her husband she would do if necessary.

The police arrived soon. As she let them in, the mysterious voice pierced the quietness. The two policemen quickly drew their pistols. The voice seemed to be coming from the next apartment.

Banging on the door the police said, "Come out at once with your hands up." There was no response.

Once more the cruel voice called out. The police quickly crashed in the door. Their guns were drawn and flashlights beaming. Huddled in the corner of the room near the ventilator was the offender, a lonely, green, parrot who, happy to have company, quickly called out, "Get out of town or you'll be sorry."

She turned on the bedlamp and then she heard the voice again. It

New Ad Contest For Chatter Fans

The Chatter is sponsoring another contest on the ads in the paper. There were no winners last time. Let's see if someone can win this time.

There are twenty-four questions. Answer all the questions as correctly as possible and as quickly as possible and turn them in to Mr. Evans in Room 7 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday. He will record the time you turned it in. The prize is a silver dollar and you must not only turn your paper in quickly but you must have

all the answers correct to win. The winner will be the first person to turn a perfect paper in.

1. Who owns the Village Jeweler?
2. What is the Village Jeweler's address?
3. What business advertises "A few good dates still open for Christmas dances, but hurry with your reservations?" What is its phone number?
4. What is the name of the barber shop advertising in this paper? What is its phone number and address?
5. What girl is advertising for the Queen of the Snowflake Ball?
6. Who advertises Smart Clothes for Boys and Students?
7. What business is located at McGowan at Hutchins, phone number is FA-8604 and is available for private parties?
8. What dime store is advertising in this issue and what is its phone number and address?
9. Who has a style show each Thursday at 6:15, at Foote's Cafeteria, and what is its address?
10. What filling stations are running advertisements in this issue and what are their addresses?
11. Who advertises what kind of encyclopedias in this issue and what is their address and phone number?
12. Who loans instruments to beginners and what six instruments are named?
13. Who advertises "Save with Black Gold Stamps?"
14. What business advertises, "Flowers for all occasions," and what are the three types listed?
15. What business is located on 3845 Bluebonnet and the director is Miss Nan Cummins?
16. Who advertises "See the Stars under the Stars?"
17. What store's phone number is MO-2934 and its address is 6727 Wesleyan?
18. Who advertises "Watch and jewelry repair" and "Diamond setting?"
19. Who advertises "Corsages at student prices" and what is its phone number?
20. Who advertises "Rent a typewriter, your grades will be better?"
21. What business is on 4003 Kirby Drive and what does it say about children?
22. What store is located on 2507 Times and what kind of a store is it?
23. How many ads are in the paper this time?
24. Where is the Handy Andy located and what is the rest of its name?
25. Where can we buy athletic equipment, trophies and pen-nants? What is the address and phone number?

Panda Cub Album

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The requirements for the novice class license are to send and receive Morse Code at the rate of five words per minute and answer 20 questions on radio and amateur laws. For the general class license the applicant must be able to send and receive code at the rate of 13 words per minute plus answering more and harder questions.

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When "Hams" talk to each other they often send QSL cards or cards of verification to each other. These are gayly decorated and are highly prized by many amateurs. James has about 74 QSL cards from 29 states.

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By ANN ECHOLS

The object of this little game is to guess the mystery Panda's name.

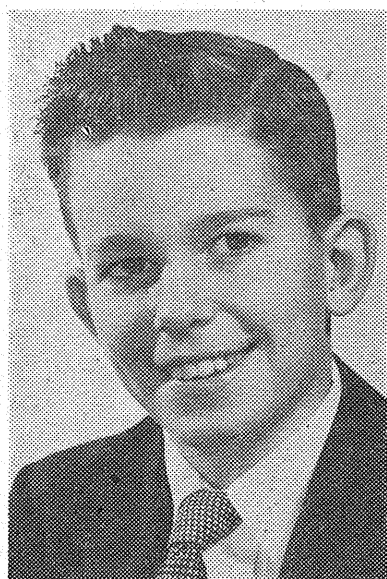
This small boy has grown to five feet, eight, On a football field he's always great.

His complexion is neither dark nor fair, A flat top is the description of his hair.

This pictured tot is an athlete by far, As you can see, our Panda's a star. Unscramble the letters and spell his name.

Ranere Seale.

PANDA PERSONALITIES



STEVE GROTE

Our seventh grade Panda Personality this month is Steve Grote, who is in Mr. Hamner's low seven homeroom.

Steve came to Pershing from Mark Twain Elementary School and plans to attend Bellaire High School when he graduates from Pershing.

His honors are many. He is president of his homeroom, alternate Student Council representative, and an all "A" and "B" student.

Steve has many outside interests, also. During the summer he played Little League baseball for the Campus Cats. When he played basketball for his church team he was awarded a gold basketball. Steve also likes to read, listen to records, collect stamps, swim and play football. He has one sister, and we all know his mother. She substitutes for many of our regular Pershing teachers and is very well known.

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SUE KINNEY

The eighth grade Panda Personality for this issue is Sue Kinney. She is a member of Mrs. La Verne's homeroom. She has black hair, brown eyes, and is five feet, five inches tall. She is thirteen years old and was born on March 27. She has lived in Houston all her life, where she has attended Saint Matthews Lutheran Elementary and now Pershing.

She wants to go to Bellaire High School and Wheaton College after leaving Pershing. Sue's favorite song is "Hearts of Stone," and her favorite color is red. Her hobby is dancing. Most people don't take a hobby as seriously as Sue. Not only ballroom dancing, but tap, ballet, toe, and acrobatics occupy the majority of her time.

Sue has one brother and two sisters. Her older sister, Carole, was Queen of the Pershing May Fete in 1952.

Among Sue's many honors, she is the president of her homeroom, chairman of her science class, gym team captain, homeroom social chairman, and captain of her homeroom volleyball and pass ball teams.

All of these facts sum up together making Sue Kinney a very sweet and attractive girl. Good luck, Sue in all that you do.

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BUSINESS-ED DAY—

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receiving general repairs and 3,405 undergoing heavy and light repairs. From the shop, the trip ended at the passenger depot.

Three teachers that represented Pershing on the trip were: Mrs. Beasley, assistant librarian; Dr. Koepke, band teacher; and Mrs. McClure, algebra teacher.

Mrs. McClure thought the trip was excellent, and "learned an awful lot." "I enjoyed talking to the employees," Mrs. McClure said.

Mrs. Beasley thought the trip was very well organized. She said she wished that all of the teachers in Houston could make the trip. Dr. Koepke thought the trip gave a very good idea of how a railroad operates. Dr. Koepke's father was a railroad man, in the early 1900's. For lunch, the teachers were served turkey sandwiches.

Let's Vote For
CECILE EPTING
Queen of The
Snowflake Ball

ICE SKATING
POLAR WAVE ICE PALACE

McGOWAN AT HUTCHINS STS.

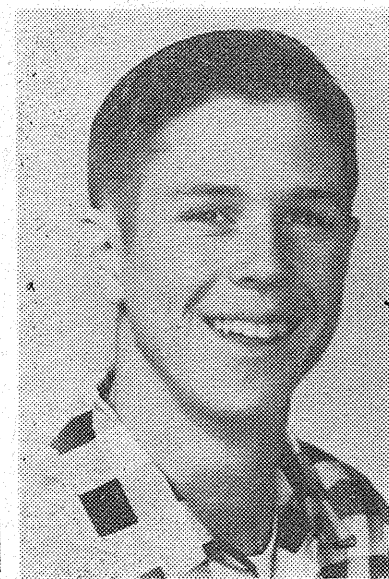
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3:30 to 5:30 PM and 8:30 to 10:30 PM

Sat., Sun., and Holidays 10 to 12 AM

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BUDDY IVES

The Ninth Grade Panda Personality for this month is a person of which all Pershing can be proud; Number 31 on the varsity football team, his name is George Ives, but he is usually referred to as Buddy.

He is president of the entire low nine class and assistant chairman of Mrs. Long's homeroom.

Buddy was born on February 14, 1940, in Houston and attended elementary school at both West University and Will Rogers schools. He came to Pershing from Will Rogers. He plans to attend Lamar Senior High School and is thinking of going to the University of Texas.

When you look at Buddy, you can sure tell why he is on the varsity football team. He is five feet, ten inches tall, weighs 142 pounds, and has blonde hair and blue eyes. Buddy first became well known in Pershing football when he made his first touchdown while still in the eighth grade.

Football is not the only sport in which Buddy participates. He is also interested in track and does quite well at it.

Having held various offices in his homeroom and classes while in other grades, and always helping out in anyway possible, the low nine is indeed lucky to have a president like Buddy Ives.

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IN THE VILLAGE



Well, it seems like winter is finally here. A lot of winter skirts are making their appearance. They are made of gabardine, tweed, wool, felt, and many other strictly winter fabrics. Corduroy is still in the spot light, but since the football season is over, there will not be as much corduroy being worn.

Now, let's take a look at the sweater scene. They are really popular now that cooler weather is here. We're seeing sweater sets, long-sleeved sweaters and the short sleeved variety. The turtle neck sweater with the long sleeves is very popular. All of these sweaters come in a great variety of colors; however, white, yellow and blue seem to be out in front. Blouses, too, seem to be taking to the long or three quarter length sleeve. We see many blouses with the sleeves rolled up just about even with the elbows.

There is not much change in the shoe picture. It looks like loafers have been and will be with us to stay. Worn with them, however, are those extra thick socks; almost every girl is wearing them.

How about the hair styles—We thought we would be seeing longer hair, but it looks like short hair is getting shorter!

Well, Pandas, I guess that's about all for this issue. If you have any more news for Fads and Fashions, let us have it. Thank you and — so long for now!

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SHAME!

To choose or not to choose;
Will we gain or will we lose?
Now, some would like more clubs
than one
For lots of them would be more fun.

Now Pat and Steve and Lee and Bill

Really had to ponder.
Football? Dancing? Drama?
Patrol?

It does make a guy wonder.
They each had the same secret desire.
These boys are so deceiving!
So they no longer football love
For they now take Swedish Weaving.

Pat "Jitterbug" Sherrill
Steve Thomas
Lee Raesener
"Wild Bill" Yancey

STAMP CONTEST—

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which is leading at the present time with a total of over 50% participation and \$73.90 in stamps sold. Other homerooms pressing very hard for this leadership are Mr. Borden's, Mrs. Lewis' and Mrs. Sears' homerooms.

As you will notice all of these are low seventh registrations. Come on Eighth and Ninth grades, let's put our shoulders to the wheel and really put this contest over with a bang. I know we can do it if we will only try.

A chart will soon be posted on the bulletin board showing the percent of participation for each registration each week.

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